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COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDCS

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U.K. HAS CIRCULATED IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE A NOTE
CONCERNING POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK ON SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS
WITH LDCS. CONSENSUS IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FEB. 28 WAS THAT
U.K. CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND BY EXPERTS ATTENDING
MAY EP ECONADS MEETING ON COMMUNIST AID AND TRADE WITH LDCS.
TEXT OF RELEVANT PART OF U.K. NOTE FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE COMMITTEE OF COURTS TACKLED "COMMUNIST AID TO THE THIRD
WORLD" LAST YEAR. PERHAPS WE MIGHT NOW COVER IN GENERAL BOTH THE
COMMERCIAL AND AID ASPECTS OF SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. PARTICULAR ASPECTS THAT MIGHT BE CONSI-
DERED:-

(A) THE SOVIET AID PROGRAMME. PERHAPS USING A NEW EDITION OF THE
ABOVE PAPER AS A BASIS, WE COULD CONSIDER WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN
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ANY SHIFT IN THE TYPE OF AID GIVEN, ITS DISTRIBUTION AND
APPARENT AIMS.

(B) HOW FAR IS ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE GROWING BETWEEN RUSSIAN

AND PARTICULAR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES?

(C) IS RUSSIA TRYING TO DIVERSIFY HER SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY? HOW FAR IS RUSSIA DEPENDENT UPON SUCH SOURCES IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES? ONE MIGHT COMPARE PRICES PAID BY THE RUSSIANS AND WESTERN NATIONS.

(D) HOW MUCH DOES RUSSIA RELY UPON AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIES FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, (INCLUDING SUCH "LUXURY" ITEMS AS ORANGES AND BANANAS THAT HAVE BEEN SCARCE IN THE SOVIET BLOC)?

(E) IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MANUFACTURED GOODS. HOW IMPORTANT ARE MARKETS IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS OUTLETS FOR SECOND RATE RUSSIAN GOODS WHICH ARE DIFFICULT TO SELL IN "HARD CURRENCY" MARKETS? HOW FAR IS RUSSIA INCREASING IMPORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' MANUFACTURED GOODS (IN LINE WITH UNCTAD POLICIES)?
END TEXT
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